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1. IN VIEW OF REF A INQUIRY, DEPT MAY BE INTERESTED IN BRITISH FCO OFFICIAL THOMSON'S COMMENT TO ROTH THAT HE HAD ON MARCH 15 INSTRUCTED UK EMBASSY TO INQUIRE IN ROME REGARDING REASONS FOR DELAY IN ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION OF VERIFICATION AGREEMENT.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION MARCH 22 WITH EMBOFF, ANDREAE (GENERAL/STRATEGIC DISARMAMENT DEPT CHIEF) WELCOMED WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD WAS U.S. INTENTION TO MAKE DEMARCHE IN ROME ON RATIFICATION OF NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. ANDREAE SAID FRG EMBASSY PROBABLY WOULD APPROACH ITALIANS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO TO INQUIRE CONCERNING DELAY AND URGE MORE EXPEDITIOUS PACE TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

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3. ANDREAE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR ROTH HAS BEEN EXPLORING

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POSSIBILITY OF "INTERIM SOLUTION" FOR ITALY THAT WOULD INVOLVE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS BEFORE ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF VERIFICATION AGREEMENT AND/OR NPT. WHILE ROTH HAS EXPLORED THIS IDEA IN EFFORT TO SOLVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS EMANATING FROM ITALIAN DELAY, ANDREAE SAID MARCH 22 FRG INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING PRODUCED GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT SUCH AN "INTERIM SOLUTION" WOULD BE IMPRACTICABLE. CONSEQUENTLY, FRG WILL GO FORWARD WITH DEMARCHE IN ROME AND WELCOMES SIMILAR U.S AND UK INTENTION.

4. ACCORDING TO ANDREAE, ITALIANS SO FAR HAVE TOLD GERMANS THAT THEY DO INTEND EVENTUALLY TO SEEK PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION OF THE NPT, BUT THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE. ITALIANS HAVE REFERRED TO UNDEFINED INTERNAL PRESSURES AND HAVE NOTED THAT OTHER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE NOT RATIFIED.

5. IN CLOSING, ANDREAE IMPLICITLY RETURNED TO ROTH.S POINT ON NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE BY ASKING WHETHER U.S. OR UK CONTEMPLATED ATTENDANCE OF "OBSERVERS" AT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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